

JEWISH REFUGEES TELL OF HORRORS

Call Palestine a Scene of
Terrible Devastation and
Criminality.

International News Service: NEW YORK, Oct. 26. — A huddled group of shivering, nerve-shattered Jewish refugees, on their recent arrival at an Atlantic port from war-stricken Jerusalem, sank to their knees on a floor of rough boards and offered up a prayer for their safe delivery.

Tears of gratitude streamed down their blanched and pinched faces. And they smiled—smiled for the first time since their happy, though unpretentious homes were so abruptly demolished.

Content as these people were to eke out an unpretentious living, they were wholly unprepared for the shock that followed. First, the decreased food supply, and then—they trembled as they told of it—the raids by the Turks.

"Those raids," as one of their number described it, "first took what objects of value we had, then every bit of food, and, finally, our clothing. They left us hungry, half clothed and helpless.

They could not tell how many of the women were assaulted, beaten and cursed—it was too horrible and brought back scenes that even the strongest of minds could not recall without a shock.

In fact, they showed reluctance in discussing their experiences. The writer found one young man who could speak fairly good English and requested him to tell of his experiences and the conditions now existing in Jerusalem.

"My God, sir, I don't want to talk. I want to eat. For God's sake get me something to eat."

Two large pieces of canned corned beef, more suspicious than appetizing in appearance, were provided. Like a starved animal, the young man devoured them, washing them down with a large cup of steaming black coffee.

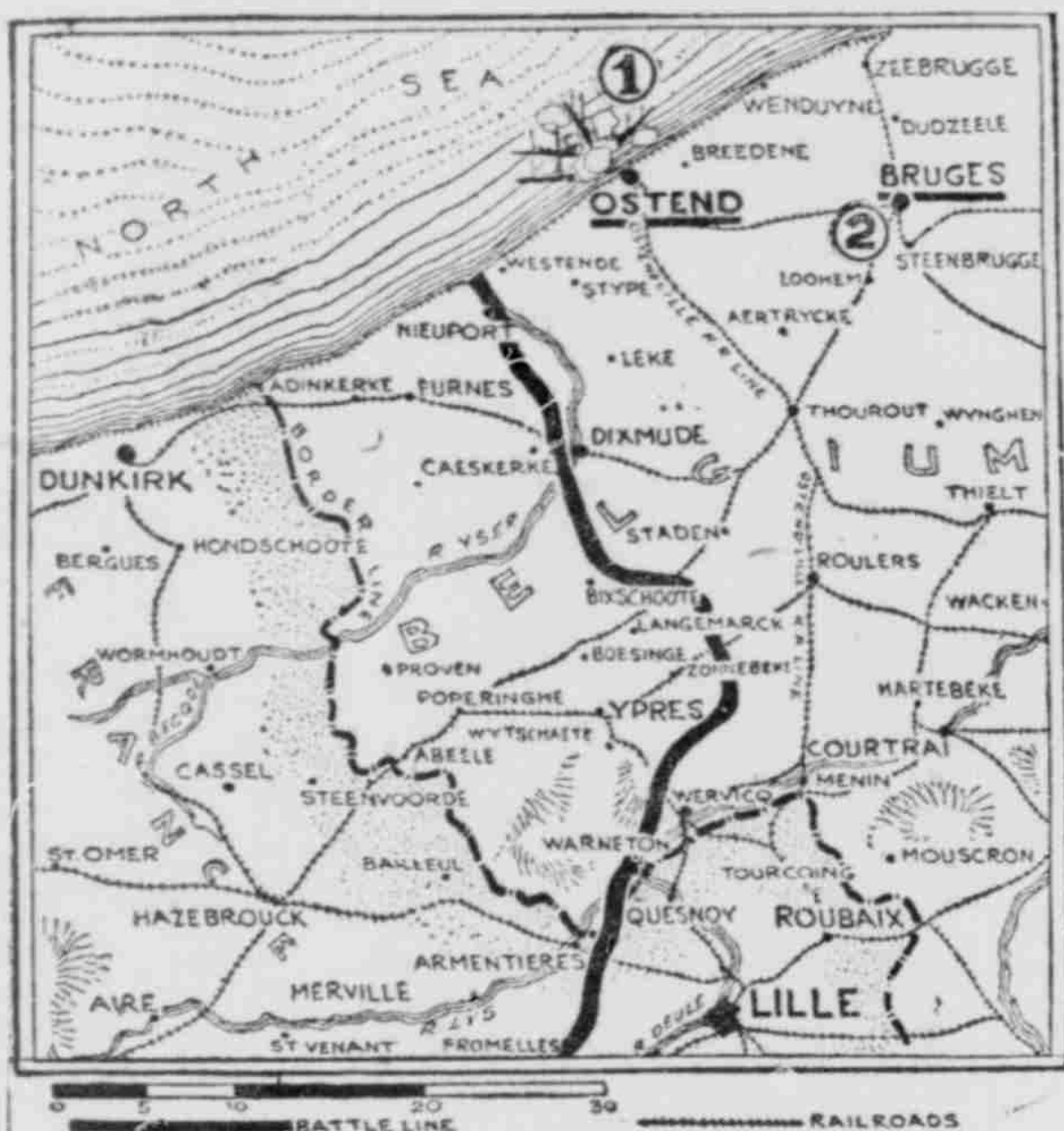
"Got a cigarette?" he inquired of the interviewer, as his tongue caught possible stray crumbs about his mouth. He lit it, inhaled in two enormous inhalations and then smiled. For the present, at least, he was happy.

"Jerusalem was a city of 65,000 before the war began," he said, as the smile disappeared. "Now there are but 25,000. The others starved to death. The Turks came and took everything we had. I don't want to talk about them."

"I was one of that forlorn crowd which left Palestine about five months ago. We were headed for Holland, for Switzerland, for any place we could find friends. We were four months getting to Berne. It was horrible. Men and women dropped along the way. They were too weak, too hungry to go any further. They died, I suppose."

The cigarette was almost finished as he concluded. He took another puff, looked at the stub longingly and tossed it into the water. Another was produced. Again he smiled as he smoked and told of how clothing and food were provided at Berne—of clothing which did not fit and of food, not delicate,

German U-Boat Base Bombarded



An attack by sea and by air on two German submarine stations was reported yesterday. The German war office announced that Ostend (1) had been bombarded from the sea, with much property damage. The British admiralty reported a bombing raid on the Bruges (2) docks by naval aircraft.

but which kept soul and body together.

In the midst of a scene almost defying description there appeared a genuine black-as-coal darkey, a southern Negro, who had cooked on steamships. He had made one trip too many and was caught on the other side. The whites of his eyes and two rows of pearly teeth were outstanding features as he fell in with the steaming passengers and walked down the gangplank.

"Where you going, Sambo?" asked one of the roustabouts.

"I am goin' straight up town and get me an apple pie. Dat's whar I'm goin'," he replied.

In the meantime the scene in the steerage had changed. They had ceased praying. They were smiling as they waited to be checked over.

They had been told that on completion of that work they would be taken to a hotel and served a 'full' meal. They waited, but very impatiently—they were hungry.

Many of them have relatives in the United States, by whom they will be cared for. Others are wholly dependent, but are assured full care by the joint distribution committee of the Jewish Relief Fund for War Refugees.

The activities of the joint committee followed closely experiences of the United States collier Sterling which sailed on Feb. 22, 1916, with a consignment of medicines and matzoth for Palestine. France and Great Britain were willing to grant the steamer "clearance," or "mine" papers, but Germany refused.

The ship was then held, but later the United States collier Caesar landed at Alexandria, Egypt, with a consignment of medicine, which eventually found its way to Palestine. From that time the joint committee has never ceased its efforts to succor the war-stricken people of Jerusalem.

But Jerusalem is not the only

city in that country stricken by war. Jaffa, the one-time beautiful city, is now completely evacuated. As one of the party of refugees expressed it: "There's nothing left in Jaffa but its name."

Happy as they are to be delivered from almost certain death, these refugees are far from being contented. They refer back, again and again, to the others of the 1,000 now being cared for at Berne. Among them are relatives and friends who they know must run the gauntlet of U-boats.

"We were very fortunate to escape an attack," said the young man formerly referred to, "and we can't help but wonder what will happen to the others. The German U-boat is no respecter of persons and if the others escape—well, they will be lucky that's all."

MAJ. GEN. BIDDLE TO SUCCEED BLISS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. — Maj. Gen. John Biddle, assigned to the national army, was said in army circles Thursday to be the probable assistant chief of staff to succeed Gen. Bliss, who became chief upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. Scott several weeks ago. See Baker let it be known recently that he had selected the man for the post, but indicated that he would not announce the appointment until the officer arrived in Washington.

As Gen. Bliss will reach the retirement age on Dec. 31, the naming of the assistant chief is of particular interest since army precedent makes that officer the successor to the head of the staff on the latter's retirement or return to line duty.

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